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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

May 20, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed March 20, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, between lines 14 and 15, please add the following new paragraph:

--In Figure 8, "n" is the number of theoretical plates corresponding to perfected mixing vessels. The actual number of Brade partition plates is four stages. And the viscosity is 5kPa·s.--.

Page 5, between lines 12 and 13, please add the following new paragraph:

--In Figure 10, "M" is the number of actual plates, and "N" is the number of perfect mixing vessels. ReF is the Reynolds number in flow direction (-); and ReM is the agitated Reynolds number (-).--.

REMARKS

The Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed March 20, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application is noted. This Notice mailed March 20, 2002 required substitute drawings because the drawings contained excessive text. In a paper filed concurrently herewith, responsive to this Notice mailed March 20, 2002, substitute drawings are being filed with deleted text matter from each of Figs. 8 and 10.

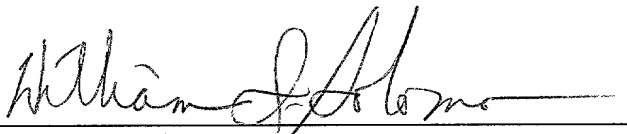
This deleted text material from each of Figs. 8 and 10 is being added to the specification of the above-identified application, by the present amendments. Noting Figures 8 and 10 as originally filed, clearly the present amendments to the specification do not constitute new matter.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendments, and examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.38277CV3) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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